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KING 5 Wins 2nd Place in 2018 Ruderman Foundation Awards for Excellence in Reporting on Disability

KING 5 becomes first television station to be recognized by the contest

Seattle, WA – The National Center on Disability and Journalism at Arizona State University’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication has honored KING 5 with second place in the Katherine Schneider Medal Contest, part of the 2018 Ruderman Foundation Awards for Excellence in Reporting on Disability. KING 5 is the first television station to be recognized by the Ruderman Award contest.

“To be the only news station to ever win this award is a huge honor for our entire team,” said KING 5 Executive New Director Cheryl Carson. “It further inspires us to get it right – our reporting, the stories we tell, and the conversations we have with our community.”

KING 5 was awarded with the second-place Schneider Medal for a story by reporters Susannah Frame and Taylor Mirfendereski and photojournalist Ryan Coe. [“Back of the Class: Lack of Inclusion,”](#) which uncovered Washington’s poor track record of helping students with disabilities, is just one of a [series of stories](#) the three produced this year.

“This is a real privilege for our work to be recognized by a group that, every day, works to support journalists who cover people with disabilities. For many years the KING 5 Investigative Unit has been committed to uncovering injustices faced by children and adults with disabilities. And we’re so fortunate to have a management team that supports in-depth, long-term projects such as this one on special education in the state of Washington,” said KING 5 Chief Investigative Reporter Susannah Frame.

The 2018 Ruderman Foundation Awards for Excellence in Reporting on Disability is the only journalism contest devoted exclusively to recognizing excellence in the coverage of people with disabilities and disability issues. The program is administered by the National Center on Disability and Journalism at Arizona State University’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Since its inception in 2013 it has seen entries from all over the United States and around the world, including Germany, Zambia, Somalia, and the Philippines.

The 2018 honorees will be recognized in Washington, D.C., on November 8. A complete list of winners with links to the winning entries can be found at ncdj.org.

ABOUT KING 5

KING 5 Media Group, The Home Team, is a multi-platform media company based in Seattle, WA. It includes NBC affiliate KING 5, independent station KONG-TV and numerous digital platforms, including king5.com. KING 5 was the first television station in the Pacific Northwest, founded in 1948 by Dorothy Bullitt, now owned by TEGNA Inc. Today KING 5 is the dominant media company in the region, delivering

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the largest local news audience and the most local programming across all screens. For more information, go to www.king5.com.

ABOUT THE WALTER CRONKITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

The Cronkite School at Arizona State University is widely recognized as one of the nation's premier professional journalism programs. The School's 1,800 students regularly lead the country in national journalism competitions. They are guided by faculty comprised of award-winning professional journalists and world-class media scholars. Cronkite's full-immersion professional programs give students opportunities to practice what they've learned in a real-world setting under the guidance of professionals.

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